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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, July 27, 2015, at 12 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2015

The Senate met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O Lord our God, You soar upon the wings of the wind. Increase our faith. hope, and love that we may receive Your promises.

As our lawmakers seek to humbly do Your will, impart to them Your strength. Lord, pursue and overtake their adversaries, so that Your will may be done on Earth. Show our Senators Your loving kindness, enabling them to serve Your purposes for their lives in this generation.

Sustain us all in the day of calamity, for we find our delight in You. Show mercy to the merciful, purity to the pure, and justice to the upright.

We pray in Your sovereign Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God. indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. CAPITO). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

HIRE MORE HEROES ACT OF 2015-MOTION TO PROCEED

PRESIDING OFFICER. clerk will report the pending business. The senior assistant legislative clerk

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 19, H.R. 22, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, all time is yielded back.

The question is on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. McCAIN. I ask for the yeas and

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), Senator from Tennessee (Mr. CORKER), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. FLAKE), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. Toomey), and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VIT-

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEX-ANDER) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CAR-PER), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. Coons), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. McCaskill), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. Murray), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 26, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 252 Leg.]

YEAS-51

Feinstein Ayotte McCain Baldwin Fischer McConnell Barrasso Franken Perdue Boxer Gardner Peters Risch Burr Graham Capito Grassley Roberts Hatch Rounds Cassidy Coats Heitkamp Schatz Cochran Hoeven Sessions Collins Isakson Shaheen Cornyn Johnson Stabenow Crapo King Sullivan Daines Kirk Tester Klobuchar Donnelly Thune Lankford Tillis Durbin Leahy Whitehouse Manchin Ernst Wicker NAYS-26

Bennet Brown Cardin Blumenthal Cantwell

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